

## Timed Writing for English 11: After High School

The purpose of a timed writing is to record freely flowing ideas. Because of this, timed writings are not graded for spelling, punctuation or grammar. Your primary focus should be on transferring your thoughts and ideas onto the page as they come. Do not pause for more than a few seconds to correct mistakes or to consider your words—just try to keep the pen moving for the full six minutes.

Today's timed writing is autobiographical writing, so it will naturally be somewhat personal in nature. But, it is not a diary. You may be asked to share what you have written with a partner or small group, so be open and honest, but you may wish to avoid writing about details that you consider too private.

### Prompt

Using your imagination, fast forward through the next two years. The date is now June 8, 2014. You have just graduated from Olympian High School and it is the first day of Summer. How will you begin your adult life?

Begin by describing your immediate plans. Consider whether you will be attending college, and which one. Where will you be living? What major will you pursue, or what career will you seek to enter? It is okay to mention family and friends, as well.

If time remains after recording these thoughts, project even *further* into the future. Imagine it is the Summer of 2019! Respond to the questions from the above paragraph for your life at that time.

Any questions?